a uniform law in the country regarding the cow protection

(b) if so the details thereof.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise in view of answer at (a) above

(c) The preservation of cattle is a matter on which the State Legislatures have exclusive power to legislate.

[Translation]

Jail of Azamgarh

2650 DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the civic amenities like electricity, water, sanitation are not available in jails of Uttar Pradesh and

(b) if so, the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) 'Prisons' being a State subject as per entry 4 of List II-State List of the Seventh schedule of the Constitution, it is primarily for the State Governments to deal with any matter relating to the administration of prisons according to their rules, regulations, Jail Manuals, etc. However, it is felt that there is scope for improvement in the matter of provision of civic amenities and other infrastructure in any prisons in the country. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this regard, the Government of India is implementing a scheme viz. Scheme of Modernisation of Prison Administration. Under this scheme, financial assistance is extended to the State Governments. A sum of Rs. 425.00 lakhs was released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during 1995-96 for modernising its prison infrastructure.

[English]

Unprovoked Firing on Students

2651 SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the unprovoked firing by the police on the students of Aligarh Muslim University caused many casualities on October 1, 1996;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government against the erring police officials; and

(d) the compensation given to the deceased families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) According to the Government of U.P. on the intervening night of 1st/2nd October, 1996, a group of agitated students of Aligarh Muslim University became violent and indulged in arson and stone-pelting. The Police had to resort to firing to control the situation in which one student died.

(b) and (c) The Government of U.P. has ordered a joint enquiry by the Commissioner, Agra Division and DIG of Police, Agra.

(d) Ex-gratia of Rs. 1 lakh was paid to the father of the deceased student by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

Addition in SC/ST List

2652 SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to include the 'Rawat Caste' belonging to the hill region of Uttarakhand in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled tribes;

(b) if so, the number of persons issued Scheduled Caste/Scheduled tribe certificates so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Under the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 as amended to date 'Rawat' is specified as a Scheduled Caste in relation to the entire State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Community-wise data on the number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates issued by various competent authorities is not Centrally maintained.

[English]

Membership fee to Foreign Agencies

2653. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount in foreign exchange being paid annually by the Government as membership fee to the various foreign agencies i.e. CGIAR, CABI, APAARI etc.;

(b) whether any cost benefit analysis thereof has been undertaken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?